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Vacancies in AIR and Doordarshan
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts lying vacant in various cadres of All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan under the direct recruitment quota;

(b) whether the Department avails the service of personnels retired from programmes/administrative cadre instead of recruiting new candidates and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) to (c): Though there are vacancies in Prasar Bharati, there is a need to reassess actual requirement of staff in Prasar Bharati keeping in view changes in broadcast technologies. Prasar Bharati has been advised to carry out a Manpower Audit to identify posts actually needed to be filled up.

Prasar Bharati has informed that to overcome shortage of staff, as an interim measure, it engages retired personnel under the contractual policy of Prasar Bharati 2012 on need basis.

Limited recruitment has been undertaken as a special dispensation through Staff Selection Commission for critical 2365 Group 'B' and 'C' vacancies which were revived by the Government. Till date, 1358 persons have joined the organization. In addition, special recruitment drive for filling up of backlog vacancies of Persons with Disabilities has also been carried out in Prasar Bharati.

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